

D-188
Bryan-LeCompte House
Cambridge
c. 1811-12
Private

The Charles Kennerly Bryan house, also known as the Bryan-LeCompte house, is a finely detailed Flemish and common bond brick dwelling dating around 1811-12. Built with high level masonry and carpentry finishes for the period, the side hall/double pile plan dwelling has experienced few significant alterations since the early nineteenth century. The High Street elevation is laid in carefully jointed pressed brick in a Flemish bond pattern, whereas the side walls were erected in five-course common bond with standard brick for the period. Each façade is marked by tall nine-over-six sash windows that are enriched with expertly cut limestone jack arches featuring slightly taller keystones. Distinguishing the gable roof are Federal cornices as well as a tall and narrowly proportioned chimney stack. The southwest gable end wall below the chimney stack is enhanced by a finely detailed Venetian window that lights the third floor.

Construction of this finely appointed brick dwelling occurred after Charles Kennerly Bryan acquired this High Street property from William Bond Martin in March 1811 for \$600. Although the transfer price suggests an improved lot, the sum does not reflect the value of an elaborate two-and-a-half story brick townhouse and its support buildings. Charles K. Bryan served as a captain of an artillery company during the War of 1812. In June 1823, Charles K. Bryan wrote his will, leaving "my brick House and Lot of Ground whereon I now dwell" to his son Charles with home privileges to his four daughters, Margaret, Maria, Eliza, and Adeline while they remained single and unmarried. The house remained under Charles' ownership until September 1840 when

the property was transferred to his brother James, a resident of Petersburg, Virginia.

Three years later, the Bryan brothers conveyed all their interest in their parent's house to James's brother-in-law, Samuel Woodward LeCompte (1796-1862) for \$7,500, a substantial sum that reflects well the improved status of the High Street lot. The house descended through LeCompte family ownership until the late 1970s.

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Maryland Inventory of

Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-188

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Charles K Bryan House
other Captain Samuel Woodward LeCompte House, Bryan-LeCompte House

2. Location

street and number 204 High Street not for publication
city, town Cambridge vicinity
county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owner)

name E. Thomas Merryweather
street and number 5902 Bluewater Drive telephone home: 410-228-5902 office: 228-3610
city, town Cambridge state MD zip code 21613

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber PLC 309 folio 359
city, town Cambridge tax map 301 tax parcel 7 tax ID number 7-155840

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Charles K. Bryan house, more commonly known as the Captain Samuel Woodward LeCompte house, the Bryan-LeCompte house or more simply, the LeCompte house, stands at 204 High Street in the center of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay side hall/double parlor brick house is supported on a raised brick foundation. The house faces northwest with the principal gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis. Extending from the northeast gable end is a part brick, part frame service wing. Attached to the southeast (rear) elevation is a mid twentieth century service wing. Standing in the backyard is a single-story brick smokehouse that is a contemporary structure to the early nineteenth century house.

Built around 1811-12, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay, double-pile brick house rests on a raised brick foundation with a tightly laid High Street elevation of Flemish bond in narrow butter joints, whereas the side walls are laid in a more standard five-course common bond with more normal sized mortar joints. The walls rise to a steeply pitched gable roof dominated by an interior end brick stack that extends above the roofline on the southwest gable end. The proportions of the stack are tall and very narrow, typical of late eighteenth century chimney stacks in Annapolis. Attached to the northeast gable is a two-story part brick, part frame service wing, and to the rear is a mid twentieth century frame erected in 1957.

The southwest (main) elevation is three-bays across with the side entrance located in the northernmost bay sheltered by a third quarter of the nineteenth century hip roofed portico. The original six-panel front door is topped by a four-light transom, and the door jambs are finished with a flat panel. The adjacent bays are filled with nine-over-six sash windows topped by cut limestone jack arches with shaped keystone. Shutter dogs remain embedded in the brickwork, but shutters no longer hang on the window frames. Lighting the excavated cellar space are rectangular window openings topped by brick jack arches and fitted with diamond cross-sectioned horizontal bars. The second story is marked by three evenly spaced nine-over-six sash windows also enhanced with finely cut limestone jack arches. Stretching across the base of the roof is a Federal style cornice with original bed and crown moldings. A large early twentieth century gable roofed dormer marks the center of the gable roof, and it is fitted with a pair of six-over-six sash windows. The sides of the dormer are sheathed with novelty siding.

The southwest gable end is a broad five-course common bond wall with the same type of window openings lighting the cellar, first and second stories as the front wall. Distinguishing the upper gable end is a finely crafted Venetian or Palladian style window which lights the attic. Fixed against the brickwork below the attic window is a figure 8-shaped iron tie rod anchor. The tall and narrow brick chimney is finished with a corbelled cap, and the gable end finish of the roof is trimmed with a plain bargeboard.

Covering the northeast gable end is the part brick, part frame service wing, which has an early nineteenth century common bond first story and an early twentieth century second story. The first floor

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is laid in five-course common bond like the side walls, and the second story is sheathed with novelty siding. The edge of the roof is trimmed with a boxed cornice and extended eaves with returns on the gable end. Rising through the roof is an interior end brick stove chimney.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Construction of this finely executed side hall/double pile plan brick dwelling dates around 1811-12, soon after Charles Kennerly Bryan acquired this High Street lot from William Bond Martin for \$600.¹ Although the transfer price suggests an improved lot the sum does not reflect the value of an elaborate two-and-a-half story brick townhouse and its support buildings. Charles K. Bryan served as a captain of an artillery company during the War of 1812.² In June 1823, Charles K. Bryan wrote his will, leaving "my brick House and Lot of Ground whereon I now dwell" to his son Charles with home privileges to his four daughters, Margaret, Maria, Eliza, and Adeline, while they remained single and unmarried.³ The house remained under Charles' ownership until September 1840 when the property was transferred to his brother James, a resident of Petersburg, Virginia.⁴ Three years later, the Bryan brothers conveyed all their interest in their parent's house to James's brother-in-law, Samuel Woodward LeCompte (1796-1862) for \$7,500, a substantial sum that reflects the well the improved status of the High Street lot.⁵ The house descended through LeCompte family ownership until the late 1970s.⁶

¹ Dorchester County Land Record, HD 28/186, 27 March 1811, Dorchester County Courthouse.

² Elias Jones, *New Revised History of Dorchester County, Maryland*. Cambridge, Maryland: Tidewater Publishers, 1966, p. 292.

³ Dorchester County Will Book, TTH 1/73, Written 6.18.1823, Refiled after courthouse fire, 9.1.1852.

⁴ Dorchester County Land Record, ER 18/113, 5 September 1840, Dorchester County Courthouse.

⁵ Dorchester County Land Record, WJ 1/412, 22 June 1843, Dorchester County Courthouse.

⁶ Dorchester County Land Record, PLC 205/622, 30 June 1978, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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Charles Kennerly Bryan House (Bryan-LeCompte House)
204 High Street
Cambridge, Maryland

Chain-of-title

PLC 309/359

Cynthia R. Fehsenfeld

to

8.12.1994

E. Thomas Merryweather

204 High Street \$114,000

PLC 243/323

William F. Blue and the Mercantile Safe Deposit & Trust Co.

to

1.13.1987

Cynthia R. Fehsenfeld

\$95,000.00

PLC 243/321

William F. Blue and Mercantile Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Persona
Representative of David T. Fehsenfeld

to

1.13.1987

William F. Blue, Mercantile Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Trustees of
of the Marital Trust under Will of David T. Fehsenfeld

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220/177

William Albert Eckert and Laurie E. Eckert

to

9.2.1981

David T. Fehsenfeld

\$70,000.00

PLC 205/622

Constance C. Corkran

to

6.30.1978

William Albert Eckert and Laurie E. Eckert

PLC 187/215

Constance C. Corkran and Victor H. Laws,
Personal Rep. of Estate of Clarence H. Corkran, Jr.

to

10.30.1974

Constance C. Corkran

PLC 177/18

Mary Lee Dunn, widow

to

11.13.1972

Clarence C. Corkran, Jr.

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Will Book
EWL 1/218

Last Will and Testament of Capt. Samuel Woodward LeCompte

Written
10.18.1859
Proved
2.1.1862

I give and devise all my real and personal estate whereon the same
may be situated to my beloved wife Mary R. LeCompte to her heirs
and assigns

Executor Alexander H. Bayly

Inventory
EWL 2/9

Inventory of the Estate of Capt. Samuel W. LeCompte

"ornaments in the two parlors"
30 slaves

2.28.1862

Total Value \$6,662.75

WJ 1/412

Charles and James Bryan, Petersburg, Virginia

to

6.22.1843

Samuel Woodward LeCompte

ER 18/113

Charles Bryan, City of Baltimore

to

9.5.1840

James Bryan, City of Petersburg, Virginia

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RSM 49/433

J. Thomas Leonard

to

4.29.1944

Mary Lee Dunn
Carlton M. Dunn

RSM 49/432

Mary Lee Dunn
Carlton M. Dunn

to

5.29.1944

J. Thomas Leonard

Lot No. 1 "Bayly Building" fronting 17' on High Street and
and 70' on Court Lane; it being the first parcel of land described
in a deed to Esther L. James from Carlton M. Dunn and Mary Lee
R. Dunn, dated 13 June 1934, JFD 31/165

Lot No. 2 "James Home Property" lying between Lot No. 1 and
the home property of James Benjamin Brown, Jr. being the present
home property of the said Mary Lee R. Dunn and Carlton M. Dunn

Will Book
RSM 4/485

Last Will and Testament of Esther LeCompte James

to niece

1939

Mary Lee Dunn—all the rest and residue of my estate

Will also directed text for her tombstone with parents Daniel N. and
Sophia LeCompte James, b. 1876 – d. [1939]
Chief Nurse, U.S.N. 4.5.09 – 9.1.33

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\$7,500 all that lot or parcel of ground with the two story dwelling house & other improvements thereon situated and lying in the Town of Cambridge...

Will Book
TTH 1/73

Last Will and Testament of Charles K. Bryan

Written
6.18.1823
Refiled after courthouse fire
on 9.1.1852

1st- I give and devise unto my son Charles Bryan his heirs and assigns forever my brick House and Lot of Ground whereon I now dwell

four daughters Margaret, Maria, Eliza, and Adeline, a home and privilege of residence in the said Dwelling House and Lot belonging to the same so long as they shall or may live single or unmarried

HD 28/186

William Bond Martin

to

3.27.1811

Charles K. Bryan

\$600

HD 19/323

John Murray

to

4.28.1802

William Bond Martin

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

Jones, Elias, New Revised History of Dorchester County, Maryland, Cambridge, Maryland: Tidewater Publishers, 1966.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property

Acreage of historical setting

Quadrangle name

$\frac{1}{2}$ acre

Cambridge, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	7/09/2008
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

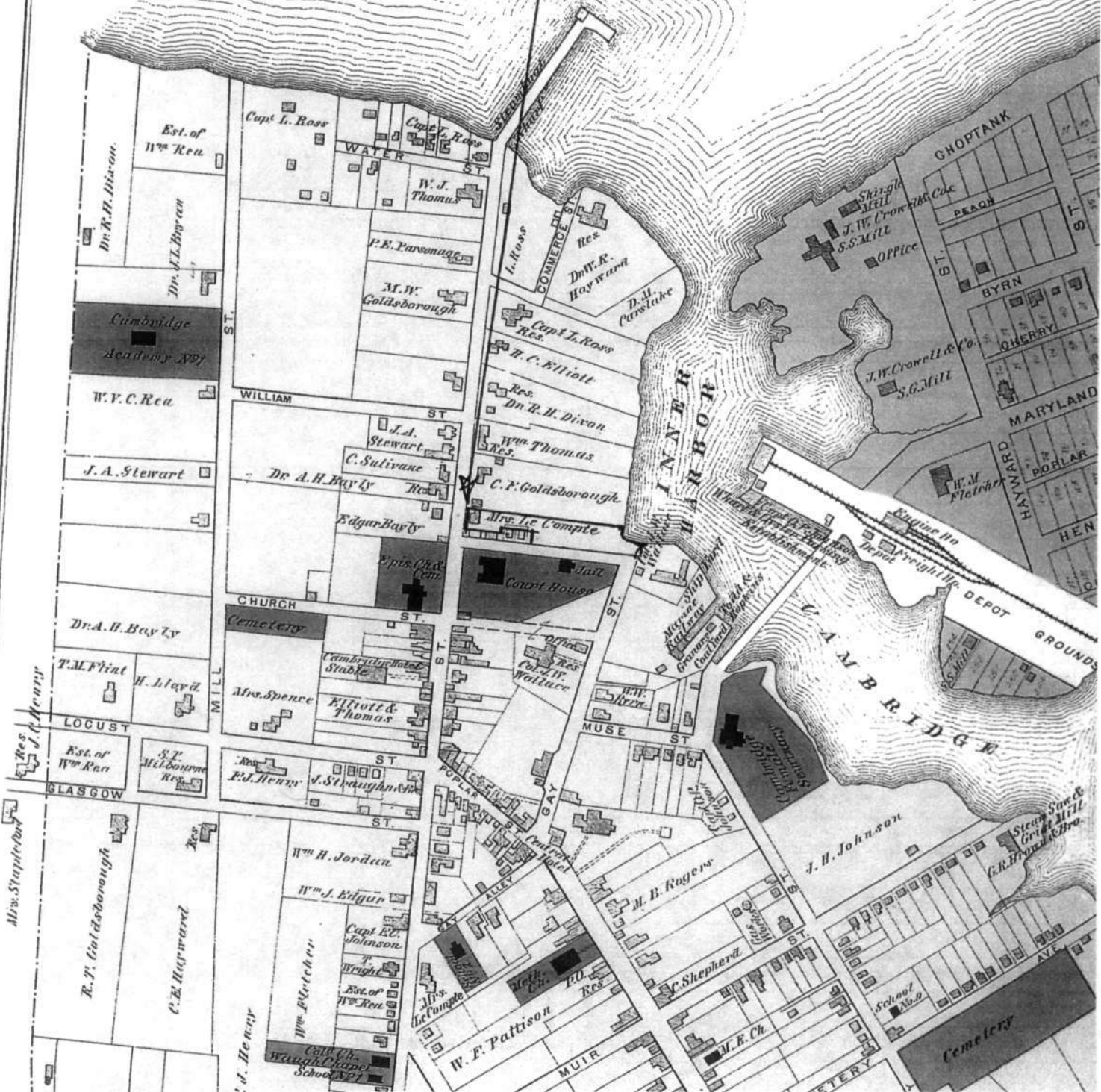
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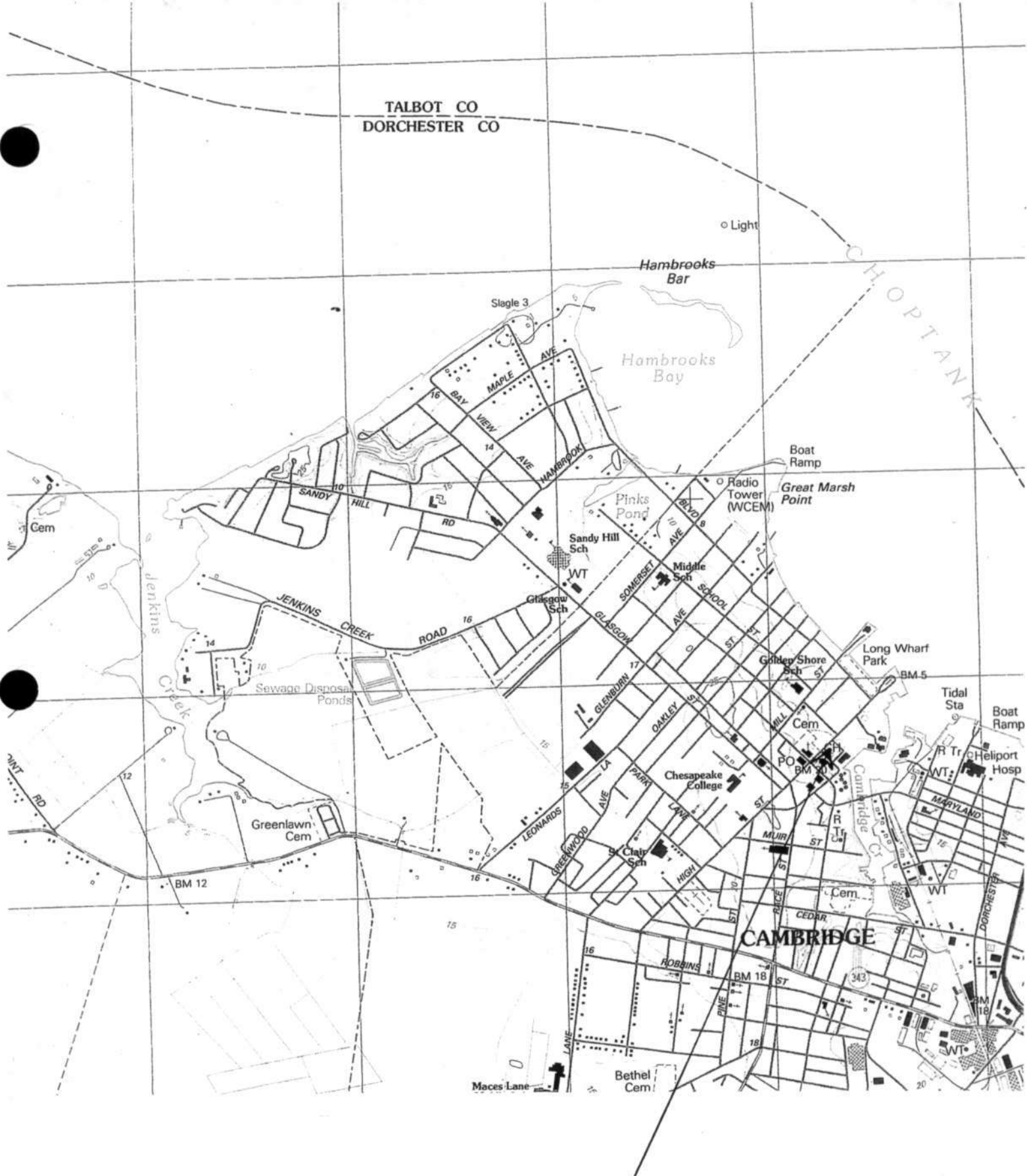
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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

D-188, Bryan-LeCompte House
Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson
1877

CHOPTANK RIVER



TALBOT CO
DORCHESTER CO



D-188, Bryan-LeCompte House
— 204 High Street
Cambridge, MD Quadrangle, 1988



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CITIZENS K. Bryan House
(Lecumara House)

CAMBRIDGE, DORCHESTER Co. MA
NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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NEB. / MID. HISTORICAL TRUST

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CHARLES K. BRYAN HOUSE
(LECOMPTE HOUSE)

CAMBRIDGE, DORCHESTER CO., MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

8/08, PAUL TOWNSEND, PHOTOGRAPHER
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Private

Circa 1803

Charles K. Bryan built this house and described it in his will in 1823 as "my brick House and Lot of Ground wherein I now dwell." The house passed to his children and was sold in 1842 to Captain Samuel Woodward LeCompte, who had served in the U.S. Navy in the war of 1812; it has been in the possession of LeCompte's descendants ever since. The present owner, the great-granddaughter of Captain LeCompte, has owned the house since 1939. She added a wing to the house in 1957. The lot on which this building stands originally extended to Cambridge Creek and included the land where 507 and 509 Court Lane now stand. The two properties were built on land leased from Captain LeCompte's widow in 1875.

The house, although altered, is one of the best surviving examples of Federal style architecture in Cambridge. The interior of the older part of the house is still graced by the original random-width floor-boards.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 204 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Dorchester		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Mary L. Dunn and Constance C. Corkran				
STREET AND NUMBER: 204 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 206 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Liber 187/Folio 215				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>This Federal style house, constructed of brick, consists of a two and one half story main portion and a two story wing added to the north end. This is the original part of the house, constructed in 1803. An additional wing was added to the rear in 1946.</p> <p>The main portion consists of a three bay front with an off center door on the north end. A screened portico with an awning has been added in front of the door, most likely at a later date. The windows are nine over six sash with keystones above. There is a chimney on the south end and a Palladian window in the gable below the chimney. The large dormer with a double window on the front is not in keeping with the Federal style and was apparently added later.</p> <p>There is a gabled roof over both the wing and the main portion. The wing is two bays long, with a chimney on the north end. The windows are six over six sash and there are flat arches over the lower windows.</p>			

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1803

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built in 1803 by a Mr. Bryan. Mr. Bryan sold the house to Samuel Woodward Lecompte, who was a Captain in the Navy. The house has remained in the same family for four generations since then. Although altered, this house has significance as one of the surviving Federal style houses in Cambridge and is of architectural interest.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mary L. Dunn, owner of the house

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"		
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"		
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"		
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Catherine L. Moore,

ORGANIZATION

DATE

11/3/75

STREET AND NUMBER:

Route 3, Box 32

CITY OR TOWN:

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

204 HIGH STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

PLC 187/215

This house dates from 1811 when it was built by Charles K. Bryan. He described this house in his will in 1823 as "my brick House and Lot of Ground wherein I now dwell." ¹ The house passed to his children and was sold in 1842 to Captain Samuel Woodward Le Compte, who had served in the U.S. Navy in the War of 1812, and has been in the possession of his descendants ever since. The present owner is the great granddaughter of Captain LeCompte and has owned the house since 1939. She added a wing to the house in 1957. The lot on which this building stands originally extended to Cambridge Creek and included the land where 507 and 509 Court Lane now stand. These two properties were built on land leased from Captain LeCompte's widow in 1875.

The house is one of the few surviving examples of Federal style architecture in Cambridge. The interior of the older part of the house still contains the original random width floor boards and appears to have been altered very little since the house was built. This house contributes to the historical and architectural character of High Street, which contains several homes dating from the mid-eighteenth to the early nineteenth centuries.

1. THH 1/73, Will Records, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

SOURCES:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland

Land Records

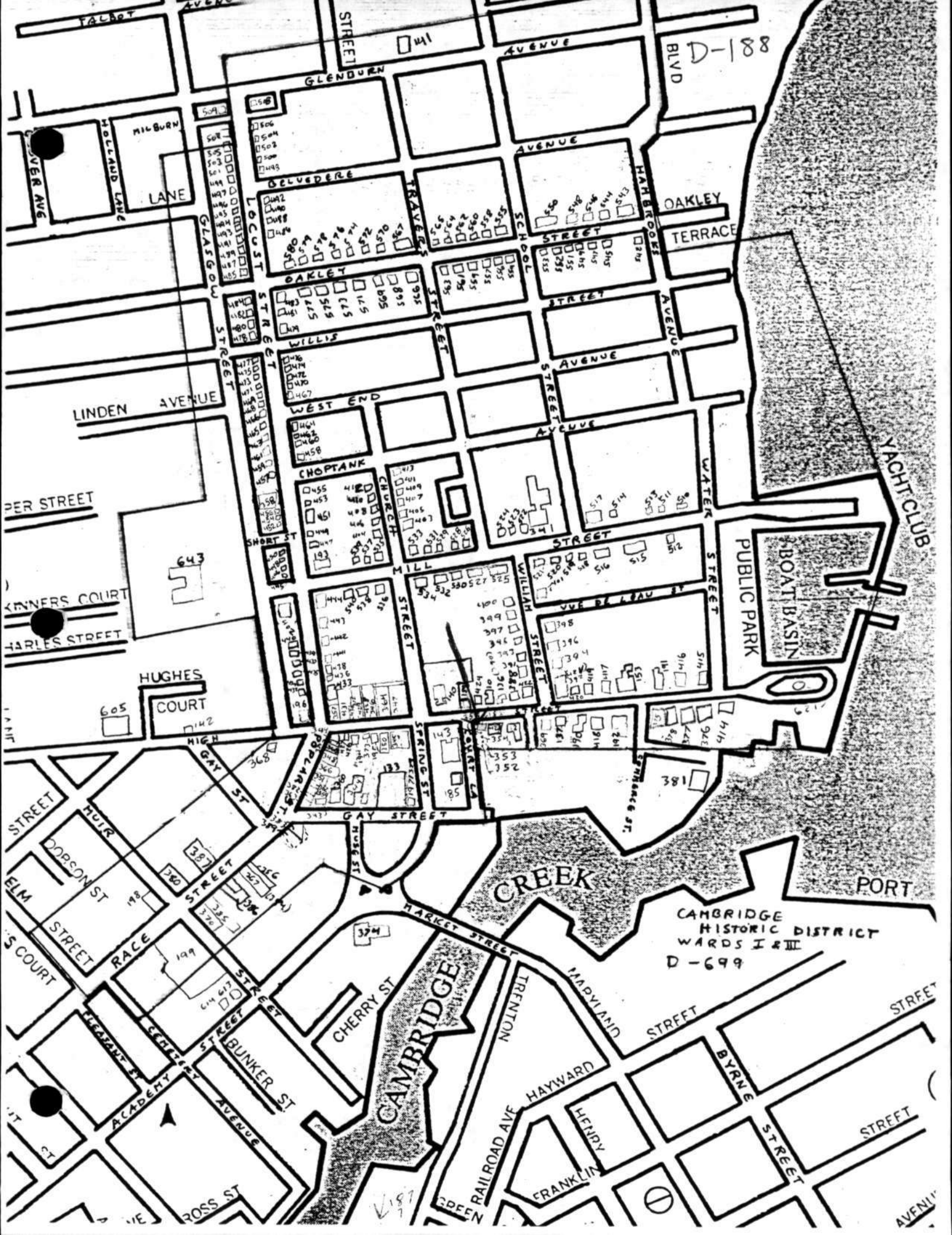
Will Records.

Interview, Mary Lee Dunn, 204 High Street, owner.

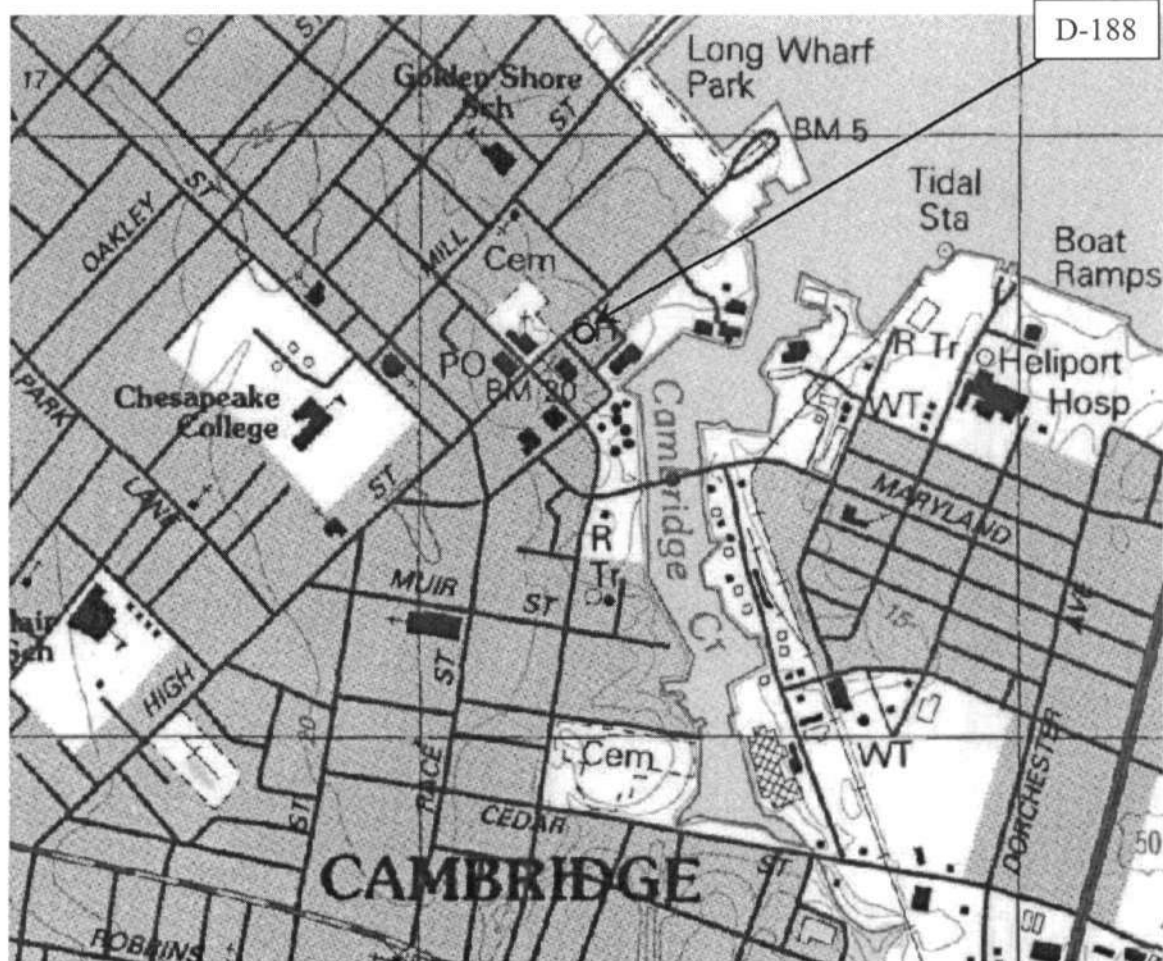
Research by:

Terrance Walbert

1976



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204 High St.
Cambridge
Cambridge Quad.
Dorchester Co.



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204 High Street



204 Higu St., Cambridge, Md. - West Facade -

C.L. Moore, 1976

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